1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Kolhapur	2	3	12	5
	TOTAL:	9	19	118	39
Konkan Division					
	Thane	-	-	3	-
	Raigad	-	-	-	-
	Ratnagiri	-	-	-	-
	Sindhudurg	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		-	-	3	-
GRAND TOTAL:		632	595	2355	607

Reduction of foodgrains production

†1379. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to unavailability of sufficient fertilizers the production of agriculture and foodgrains has come down heavily during the last three years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of the States in which production of foodgrains has come down due to shortage of fertilizers alongwith the names of such foodgrains; and

(c) the plan Government are going to formulate to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Following table gives the fertilizer consumption and production of foodgrains, oil seeds, sugarcane and cotton for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Fertilizer	Production			
	Consumption	Foodgrains	Oilseeds	Sugarcane	Cotton#
2004-05	18.40	198.36	24.35	237.09	16.43
2005-06	20.34	208.60	27.98	281.17	18.50
2006-07*	22.05	216.13	23.88	345.31	22.70

Million bales of 170 kg each.

* 4th Advance Estimates as on 19.07.2007

The fertilizer consumption and production of foodgrains, sugarcane and cotton shows an increasing trend during 2004-05 to 2006-07. Oilseeds production in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2006-07 declined mainly because of less area coverage under oilseeds as compared to that in 2005-06.

There are fluctuations in foodgrains production in some States. However, it cannot be attributed to fertilizers. Fertilizers is only one of the inputs influencing crop production. Government has been regularly monitoring the availability of fertilizers.

Welfare scheme for vegetable producers of Sikkim

1380. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the welfare of vegetable and fruit producers in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount allocated for the purpose during the year 2007-08; and

(e) the effective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in N.E. States including Sikkim, is under implementation since 2001-02 and later on extended to contiguous Himalayan States namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during the year 2003-04, in order to harness the horticulture potential of this region. The scheme is being implemented in a Mission - Mode, addressing various issues related to horticulture *i.e.,* Research, Production and Productivity, Post Harvest Management and Processing. Under the production and productivity related activities financial assistance is being provided for area expansion programme of horticulture crops, which includes programmes for welfare of fruits and vegetables producers of Sikkim. Apart from above assistance, funds are provided for creation of infrastructure such as Irrigation Sources, Integrated Pest Management, Protected Cultivation, Organic Fanning, On Farm Handling and other related activity. In addition, assistance is also provided for training of farmers within and outside the State, training of trainers and for development of women entrepreneurs.

The total amount allocated during the current fiscal year 2007-08 under the above mentioned scheme to the State of Sikkim is Rs. 28.00 crores, out of which Rs. 2.42 crores and Rs.3.28 crores for fruits and vegetables development, respectively.

For effective implementation of scheme various measures are taken by the Central and State Governments as envisaged below.

(i) The Central Government has constituted a Central Steering Committees under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Agriculture), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture to review the progress of implementation of the scheme at regular intervals.